

Please don't get rid of the cross-ownership ban! Media concentration in the US market is already at an all time high, reducing the kinds of coverage that many Americans have access to. In these troubled times, we need more diverse sources of news, not less, in order to understand the world around us. Getting rid of the ban would also make newspaper news more like TV, thereby erasing one of the principle roles of print journalism today -- providing in-depth, independant coverage of events that get the '30 second' treatment on TV. Small market cities with only one major paper would be especially disadvantaged, without even the choice between conglomerates once the newspaper was bought out by a media conglomerate. Again, please keep the ban, we need it if we want our treasured 'freedom of speech' to remain meaningful, not just an empty slogan.

Sincerely,  
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